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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE JAPANESE ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

- 1. THE UBIQUITOUS HARRY KERN HAS APPEARED COMING FROM SAUDI ARABIA WHERE HE HAS APPARENTLY SOUGHT TO PERSUADE KING FEISAL TO UNDERWRITE A MAJOR ARAB PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN IN THE US. ACCORDING TO KERN, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WADA, WHOM HE HAS KNOWN FROM JAPAN, RECOMMENDED TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT JAPAN OFFER EGYPT NOW NECESSARY FUNDING TO REOPEN THE SUEZ CANAL AT SUCH TIME AS POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DO SO. AMOUNT WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBSTANTIAL AND TERMS CONCESSIONARY. WADA ALLEGEDLY BELIEVES THAT A GENEROUS OFFER ON JAPAN'S PART NOW MIGHT PERSUADE SADAT TO INTERVENE WITH SAUDIS AND OTHERS TO EASE OIL RESTRICTIONS ON JAPAN. WADA HAS HAD NO ANSWER.
- 2. DURING COURTESY CALL I MADE LAST WEEK ON WADA, HE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER ARAB OIL EMBARGO AND NOTED RUEFULLY THAT HIS EFFORTS TO URGE EGYPTIANS INTERVENE WITH FEISAL AND OTHER ARAB OIL PRODUCERS TO BE LENIENT TO JAPAN HAD TO DATE BORNE NO FRUIT. EGYPTIANS DISCONFIDENTIAL

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CLAIMED ANY INFLUENCE ON FEISAL IN THIS MATTER. HE

WAS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS, HOWEVER.

3. KERN IS ALSO SEEING AL SYG MAHMOUD RIAD TO URGE ARAB LEAGUE PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR MOUNTING MAJOR PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAING IN US. EILTS

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